

## Free Staters Surrendering!

Many of Them have Laid Down their Arms.—St. Patrick's Day at the Cape.—A Note From Russia.

The following is the text of Lord Roberts' despatch to the War Office announcing his occupation of Bloemfontein:—  
"BLOEMFONTEIN, Tuesday, March 13, 8 p. m.—By the help of God and by the bravery of Her Majesty's soldiers, the troops under my command have taken possession of Bloemfontein. The British flag now flies over the presidency evacuated last evening. Mr. Steyn, late president of the Orange Free State, Mr. Fraser, member of the late executive government, the mayor, the secretary of the late government, the landroost and other officers met me two miles from the town and presented me with the keys of the public offices. The enemy have withdrawn from the neighbourhood of Bloemfontein. The inhabitants of Bloemfontein gave the troops a cordial welcome."

The above despatch, though dated Tuesday, was not received at the War Office until 7.30 p. m. Wednesday. It was made public a few minutes before nine o'clock. The delay is attributed to the field telegraph not being connected with Bloemfontein on Tuesday evening.

The War Office on Friday received the following from Lord Roberts:—  
"BLOEMFONTEIN, March 15, 7.55 p. m.—General Gatacre crossed Orange River and occupied Bethulie this morning. General Pole-Carew, with 2000 men of the Guards brigade, two guns and a small body of mounted infantry left here in three trains this morning to join hands with General Gatacre and General Clementia. He has passed Bethulie by 4.40 p. m. without meeting any opposition, having been able to supply from his troops engine drivers, firemen; fitters, moulders, smiths, carpenters, etc."

Bennett Bariligh correspondent of the London Mail has cabled the following:—  
"BLOEMFONTEIN, March 15.—The railway to the south has been repaired and traffic is now running to a distance of twelve miles out from the town. We are gradually clearing the line. It is reported that the Boers intend defending Bransford. Our captures include a dynamite magazine and two trucks full of madder ammunition. We recovered most of the looted convey and the material of the railway plant and building material over one hundred trucks, coaches, workshop, a dozen locomotives, etc. We found here several officers and fifty soldiers wounded, including the men of the Suffolk regiment. Many prisoners have been taken. Numbers of Burgers are returning to their farms. General French commanded our left column, which took the most of the fighting and flanking developed. Porter's cavalry and the sixth division of infantry entered and marched through the town today. "There is popular satisfaction and the place is like a relieved town. Congratulations are pouring in upon Lord Roberts. Our troops and horses both need rest."

(Signed) BENNETT BARILIGH.  
Lord Roberts has sent this despatch to the War Office dated Bloemfontein, March 15.

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March 16. Gen. Clementia has crossed the Orange River. "Repairs to the railway bridge at Norvalspont have commenced and it will shortly be ready for traffic. General Pole-Carew telegraphs his arrival at Springfontein, so that Bloemfontein is now practically in full communication with Cape Town."

"My proclamation is already having an excellent effect. Several hundred Burgers have expressed the intention to surrender their arms and return to their occupations. The resident Commissioner of Basutoland reports that 800 Boers lately arrived from Bloemfontein and that a further contingent from Allval north was only waiting to know the terms of my proclamation to surrender. They had refused to attend a council at Kroonstad, to which President Steyn had summoned them."

Lord Roberts in transmitting General Gatacre's report of the Stormberg defeat gives his opinion thus:

"The failure was mainly due to reliance on inaccurate information regarding the ground to be traversed to the position held by the Boers, to the employment of too small a force and to the men being tired out by a long night march before they came in contact with the enemy. When it became evident shortly after midnight that the guides were leading the column in the wrong direction, I considered Gatacre should have halted and endeavored to find a proper road or should have fallen back on Meleno rather than have risked the safety of the entire force by following a route which brought his troops into difficult ground commanded on both sides by Boers."

Richmond Smith sends the following despatch dated Bloemfontein, March 16th:

"The Canadian troops were this morning ordered to the outskirts of Bloemfontein to guard the northern section of the line of railway between this point and Springfontein. General Pole-Carew has arrived at Springfontein with a detachment of Mounted Infantry, and will patrol the lower portion of the line between here and Meleno. Thus the entire line of railway between Bloemfontein and Springfontein is now in our hands and there is practically an all rail communication between the late Free State Capital and Cape Town. There are a number of repairs to be made to the railway line between Bloemfontein and Springfontein and the Canadians will be engaged in this work for some days. The despatch with which our men did similar work on the line of communication between Desair and Kimberley has evidently impressed the British commanders with their engineering skill as well as the fighting qualities of the Canadian troops. A body of 1800 Boers have surrendered to the British, giving up their equipment of arms and ammunition and asking to be allowed to return to their farms. A full equipment and supply of new clothing for the Canadian troops has been ordered to be sent here by railway, so it would seem probable that we shall be occupied for some time in this neighborhood. It is not unlikely that the Canadians will be given almost exclusively the task of keeping open the rail communication between Bloemfontein and Cape Town, so that apart from an occasional skirmish with small bands of Boers in northern Cape Colony, we are not likely to see severe fighting again for some days."

According to a Cape Town despatch of the 15th inst., the Mafeking relief column, Colonel Drummond and Penderman commanding, had a sharp engagement at Fourteen Streams. The British succeeded in driving the Boers off. They had only a few casualties. The latest news from Mafeking is dated Saturday, March 10th and says: Garrison is holding its own. We have heard numerous rumors that the siege will be raised, but so far that is not the case. We are pegging away patiently on quarter rations supplemented by occasional captures of cattle. Our home-made gun occasionally bombards the Boer trenches."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT CAPT. TOWN.  
A Cape Town despatch of the 18th says: St. Patrick's day was celebrated with extraordinary enthusiasm throughout South Africa. In reply to a message from the Irishman of Cape Town the Queen sent the following: "I have always felt confident that the spirit of courage and allegiance which has distinguished the Irish soldiers in the face of the enemy should be shared by their brethren in the colony in support of the authority of my Government."

On the initiative of Lord Roberts a newspaper has been started at Bloemfontein for the edification of the troops. Ruyard Kipling contributed to the inaugural edition, yesterday, the following:—  
"Oh, Terrance, dear, and did you hear the news that's going round, The Shamrock's Red badge by law, where'er her sons are found, From Bloemfontein to Ballyvaughan is ordered by the Queen. We've won our rights in open fight, the wearing of the green."

BOERS GIVING UP ARMS.  
BLOEMFONTEIN, March 18.—We are getting in rifles faster than a factory could turn them out. All along the Free State railway from Springfontein to Bloemfontein at every station the Boers are coming in to surrender Mausers, Martini, and pistols. Before the police headquarters here there is a long line of Burgers who are giving up their arms, and five hundred have already done so throughout the country. Twenty-five hundred rifles, etc., were handed in today.

The whole of the southern half of the Free State shows determination to end the struggle, and if the British officials can reach the northern hangers with Lord Roberts' proclamation, the whole population will declare for peace. Each man on hand in his arms, signs under oath a declaration not to take up arms against the government during the present war nor to furnish assistance or information about the British forces to the Republic forces but remain quietly at home until the war is over.

LONDON, March 20.—With the exception of a small skirmish at Fourteen Streams, Saturday, no news has reached London of any fighting in South Africa. It appears that a strong force will be placed at Lord Methuen's disposal, which it is thought may not be used for the relief of Mafeking, since another column from Kimberley is already keeping the Boers employed to the south of the beleaguered town, while from the north Colonel Plumer is moving down toward Radan Powell's stronghold. It is thought probable that Lord Methuen's force may make an advance northward simultaneously with that of Buller's. The way of Kimberley, Potchefstroom, and Johannesburg, partially following the route of the Jameson expedition. The Ladysmith garrison should be ready to resume service about the beginning of April. General Buller will then have a force of 40,000 men with 180 guns. He will then be stronger than the whole Boer army now left in the field. His task will be to go to Biggarsburg's defence, and then advance direct upon the Transvaal occupying the attention of a large number of Boers to the east while Lord Roberts moves on Pretoria. By that time Lord Roberts will have been reinforced by General Clementia, Gatacre and Brabant and will have about 60,000 men and 200 guns. With complete control of the railways running direct to Capetown, Port Elizabeth and East London, facilitating the transport of supplies, the advance may be exceedingly rapid all things considered. Lord Wolseley's reports which forecast that the British troops will reach Pretoria by the middle of May, may be justified. The war seems practically ended so far as Ex-President Steyn's fellow citizens are concerned. Up to four o'clock this morning no definite news of the relief of Mafeking has been received in London. The belief, founded upon private telegrams, prevails at Cape Town that the Boers have raised the siege.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN LONDON.  
A London despatch of the 17th says:—In this city and throughout every part of the British Empire St. Patrick's Day was joyfully celebrated and the valor of the Irish troops in South Africa warmly praised. By the Queen's orders the bells in the Tower of London and Westminster Cathedral were rung. The Grenadiers played Irish airs while Her Majesty launched. The Irish flag also floated over the Mansion House. A word from Her Majesty has turned the emblem of semi-delivery into a badge of honor and made the shamrock the most prized plant in the British Isles.

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## LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Stanley arrived at Charlottetown from Pictou this afternoon.

The people of the Magdalen Islands landed about 12,000 seals last week.

A GERMAN is said to have opened a claim at Sulphur Creek, Klondike, which yields \$36,000 daily.

Ex-Governor Howland has been elected Vice President of the British Empire League for Prince Edward Island.

COL. MORRIS, of the Northwest Mounted Police arrived in this City Saturday evening. He will enroll about thirty recruits.

At a meeting held in Montreal recently it was decided to erect a magnificent monument in memory of Montrealers who have fallen in defence of the Empire. The monument will be the finest in Canada.

The Leinster regiment are under orders to sail for England from Halifax on March 25th by the Dominion Line steamer Vancouver. When the Leinster march out of the barracks the Canadian militia enrolled for one year will march in.

The troopship Monterey with Strathcona's Horse and the one hundred recruits for the first Contingent sailed from Halifax at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. All the troops were shamrocks. The departure was witnessed by thousands of people.

We have received a copy of Carter's Illustrated Seed Catalogue for 1900. It is a book which every person interested in horticulture should have. Send your address on post paid note to George Carter & Co., Charlottetown, and receive a copy.

A WASHOUT on the P. E. Island Railway near Piquet delayed the train on Saturday. The regular train which was due here at 7 p. m. did not arrive until nearly 7 p. m. This also delayed the mail train. The break is 25x35 feet. A temporary repair has been made.

Mr. James Mason, son of Mr. J. D. Mason of this City, returned home by Friday night's Express from South Africa. Mr. Mason has had the distinction of seeing three campaigns, viz.: the Spanish-American in Cuba, the Philippine and part of the South African war. He was near Colenso when the battle took place there on December 16th.

A HALIFAX despatch says: The father of Capt. Henley of the Dublin Fusiliers, killed in South Africa, has received a letter from the Queen thanking him for a photograph Her Majesty specially requested. He also has a letter from the Duke of York who has just returned from an officer on the staff of the British Expeditionary Force in South Africa, telling of the death of the gallant officer.

This dam at Montague, supplying power to the electric light dynamo, burst on Saturday morning. The river had swollen a great deal for some days previous, passing a tremendous pressure. It was feared that the dam would be swept away. The bridge built during the election campaign on the new road between Valleyfield and White Road Cross is said to have been carried away.

MR. WILLIAM RIGGS has received a letter from his son, the late Alfred Riggs. The letter is dated Richmond, Feb. 6th. With the letter he sent several well-executed sketches of Kafir huts and also a picture of Carter's bookstore, (where he was formerly employed), and Messrs. Watson and Alley's store adjoining. On the latter sketch he wrote, "I thought I would like to see the old place again, but as I cannot get back to see it, I drew it from memory." The pictures may be seen in Messrs. Carter & Co.'s window, where they have been viewed by a great many people.

A BAD fire occurred yesterday morning about four o'clock in the Stevenson building on the corner of Queen and Sydney streets. When discovered the fire had gained great headway, and the firemen had to work like Trojans for over three hours in the midst of an incessant down-pour of rain, before getting the fire under control. It was not before the building had been badly gutted. Mr. M. Stevenson, who keeps a tinware establishment on the corner, places his loss at \$2,000, with insurance for \$500. Jenkins & Son, Grocers, who occupy the adjoining store, lost nearly all their stock, estimated to the value of \$3,500, insured for 1,500. The barber shop of Trainer & James in the rear of the building was demolished, some of the furnishings were saved, however. The firm of Driscoll & Hornsby suffered also, a portion of their stock being damaged by smoke and water, and the loss sustained by it only partially covered by insurance. It is not known how the fire originated.

The third of the Lenten sermons in St. Dunstan's Cathedral was preached on Sunday last by Rev. P. C. Gauthier, of St. Dunstan's College. His theme was Redemption. "The Son of Man has come to save that which was lost." Matt. xviii. 2. To live in posterity, we must have accomplished some saving work. Rationalists, said the Rev. preacher, all admit that our Lord was an extraordinary person; but that he was but a man, a wise law giver. Our Lord's great work was Redemption, which could not be accomplished by mere man. He pointed out that the angel, announced the son of the Virgin Mary should be called Jesus which means Saviour. By this, said the Rev. preacher, man offended God; insulted the Majesty of the Most High. The goodness of God is infinite, and in order to avail thereof man must come voluntarily to God. By one man sin entered the world; by one man sin was to be atoned for. The altar and sacrifice of the old law, prefigured those of the new law; but these sacrifices were incapable of atonement. Atonement to the divine justice for the sin of man could only be effected by a pure victim, only by Jesus Christ. The Jews sighed for the pure victim, for Jesus Christ; yet when he came they rejected him. Had our Lord, said the Rev. preacher, manifested himself in all his beauty and splendor no one would have dared to lay hands upon him; but by appearing as a mere mortal man, the plan of Redemption was carried out. Our dear Lord took upon himself the sin of the world. He was the universal man taking the place of all sinners. With-out Him will all angels and men could have no power against Him; as His divinity would not permit it. The Rev. preacher pointed out that although our dear Lord had gone to Heaven, he had left behind the executors of His will, who are commissioned to make men participants in the merits of the Redemption when they fulfil certain conditions.

## FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

BRITISH MINISTER DEAD.  
A Copenhagen despatch of yesterday, the 20th, says that E. D. Fene, British Minister to Denmark is dead.

HOMEWARD BOUND!  
A Cape Town despatch of the 16th says: H.M.S. Powerful with the Naval Brigade which fought so well at Ladysmith sailed today for England.

BIG FLEET GOING TO EGYPT.  
A despatch from Alexandria announces that twelve British battleships and four cruisers with 7,800 men are expected to arrive there soon.

GEN. LOCKHART DEAD.  
A Calcutta despatch announces the death of General Sir William Stephen Alexander Lockhart, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in India, on Monday.

IN THE PHILIPPINES.  
Late advice from Manila says that Flores, Aguinaldo's secretary of war, has surrendered to Gen. McArthur. Aguinaldo's infant son, who was captured in November and who has been suffering from smallpox is dead.

DIED.  
In this city, on the 17th inst. Thomas Alley, in the 80th year of his age.

At Misconche, on the 8th inst. of spinal meningitis, Thomas Woods, aged 61 years, leaving a wife and two daughters.

In Boston, Mass. March 15th, 1900, of pneumonia, Catherine Ring, widow of the late James Ring, formerly of Charlottetown, in the 73rd year of her age.

At Bannockburn, on March 13th 1900, James Brown, aged 66 years. Mr. Brown was a native of Covehead. For a number of years he resided at Kingsport, and until recently in this city.

At Misconche, on the 8th inst. Anastasia S. aged 48 years, wife of Daniel B. Malone, and a daughter of the late Timothy Driscoll, leaving a husband and three sons and four daughters. R. I. P.

In the Hospital at Port Townsend, Washington, Peter A. McKinnon, youngest son of the late Angus McKinnon, of Goose River Lot 42. Deceased left this Province 22 years ago. May his soul rest in peace.

At Grand Tracadie, on the 5th of March, Catherine, beloved wife of John Martin, in the 64th year of her age, after a lingering illness of 12 months, which she bore with Christian patience. Deceased was fortified by the last rites of the Catholic Church. She left behind her to mourn the death of a loving wife and an affectionate mother, a husband and three sons and a daughter. May her soul rest in peace.

On the 24th ult. at his residence, Byrne's Road, Lot 39, Peter Duffy, Esq. at the advanced age of 80 years. Deceased was a sober, honest, upright man, a favorite of all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. During his illness he was fortified with the last rites of the Catholic Church. His remains were followed to St. Joseph's church by a large concourse of people, and there the last solemn rites were performed by the Rev. pastor. He leaves a wife, three daughters and six sons to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. May his soul rest in peace.

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